

GOLD NUGGETS



Goldwing Road Riders Association

Region J, Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

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From the Chapter Directors...

Hello all. I can hear the kick stands going up and the throttles revving,, sounds like riding weather doesn't it!! As the riding season gets into swing, I find myself looking forward to the summer and my hopes to get back to Alberta and see family again. As I too look forward, there is also a significant group of wings, trailers and couples looking forward to heading to Alaska Region J rally for the trip of a life time. I am truly jealous but one day our time will come too. The planning has been going on for some time and, as in the usual GW way, there are a number of people taking on different jobs to help make it happen. I am looking forward to photos and stories to come. PLEASE do share some photos with us by way of sending them to our web master Kyle and news letter editor Rob.

Just as the seasons come and go, friends, and family do as well. Many of you know Edward & Kathryn Drozdik from your years of riding and working together, and your friendships grew strong with both Kathy & Ed. I am sad to report that Ed Drozdik just recently passed from his fight with cancer. While talking to some of you, it is abundantly apparent that Ed was cherished and loved by many. On behalf of all us, our heartfelt condolences go out to Kathy and her family. I can only hope that the passage of time lets family and friends remember Ed, and bring a smile to your hearts because you knew him. I wish I could have been lucky enough to know Ed, so I will simply take in your stories, and remembrance of him with humility. Our chapter is blessed to have such a good following of riders and volunteers, and the chapter team is still growing, so with that thought, I am hoping to find an Assistant Chapter Director sometime in the future, so I will be open to all suggestions or takers.

I am going to miss you all at the May breakfast meeting as I will be down in Washington to practice my riding skills again, so I hope you guys don't have too much fun while I'm away, otherwise I'll be jealous again!

Remember "Life is a Highway I wanna Ride it All Night Long"

Ride well! Rob Ellis.

UP AND COMING...

THIS MONTH

May 2012

- 02 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 03 MLA Ride
- 05 ARC (Adv. Rider)
- 06 Road Captain/Co-Riders
- 12 Glen Williams Ride & Mileage check
- 13 GVMC-Gord Heppler Ride
- 15 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 20 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 19-21 Victoria Days (Salmon Arm, BC)
- 26 Auto Collection Ride Tacoma BC-A

COMING HIGHLIGHTS

Jun 2012

- 02 Bob Davies Fun Run BC-A
- 03 Ride for Life
- 06 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 8-9 WA-D Duck Hunt Ride Aberdeen, WA
- 17 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 17 Father's Day Ride BC-A
- 19 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 23 Triple D Ride BC-A
- 30-02 Kootenay Loop Ride BC-D

WEEKEND / STATUTORY HOLIDAY

If there are NOT any Lower Mainland Rides/Events on our Chapter Schedule, then you can expect a ride from the McDonalds at the Boundary Road/Lougheed Highway intersection, Vancouver. Coffee from 9.00.

Ride leaves at 10.00. Saturday, Sunday and all Statutory Holidays.



From Janet Tucker,

CALLING ALL CO-RIDERS:

IT'S NEW! IT'S BETTER! IT'S FUN!
THE CO-RIDER COURSE HAS
EXPANDED WITH MORE EXCITING
THINGS FOR US TO DO.
I KNOW WE CAN ALL SPELL
"DOT", "ARAI", "SHOIE" ETC.
WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO ON
THOSE LONG TRIPS BESIDES
LOOKING AT THE BACK OF HIS
HELMET? COME TO THE SEMINAR
AND FIND OUT.

I WANT YOU! TO JOIN ME ON MAY 6, 2012.
THE MORNING ROUTINE IS THE ROAD CAPTAINS COURSE, (YES, YOU CAN ALSO BE A CO-RIDER ROAD CAPTAIN).
FOLLOWING THIS IS THE CO-RIDER.

SEE YOU THERE, JANET

British Columbia District GWRRA

Hello to all of our members in all the BC Chapters

First things first. I would like to introduce Pat and I as the new District Directors for our Province. Since John and Leslie Wait have moved into the Region Directors spot, we were asked to fill their spot in the District. This is going to be a really big slot to fill!

I want to thank John and Leslie for the incredible job they did during their term as Directors. From organizing one of the most successful Rallies we have hade in recent times, to guiding us through some big challenges, they have been more than up to the task!

On a personal note I thank them for showing Patty and I a different style of leadership which we are taking with us into this new challenge for us.

Up to now Patty and I have been working in the district as the Membership Enhancement Cocoordinators. We put together a terrific team and we thank the Chapter members for doing such an incredible job. This position has allowed us to see the chapters and members as a family. Projects such as the Victoria Days or the Gold Run have shown us just what we can accomplish if we pull together. And we do this while having Fun!

That leads us to something both Patty and I feel very strongly about. We see that we as a group need to communicate better with not only the public at large but with each other! We intend to bring in a District newsletter which will be emailed to every member in the province. Even if it is just 1 page, we need to let everyone know what we are doing so everyone has an opportunity to participate and have FUN!!!

We also will be promoting the idea that our GWRRA membership has a lot of value. We need to make sure our members know what they are getting for their hard earned dough!

We are launching a program called "Membership has its Privileges'.

In this program we want to make sure that at any GWRRA function a member gets a discount just because they are members! We will also be promoting the good deal we get for our annual dues!

We are looking forward to serving you the members!

Con and Pat Williams District Directors

Ed Who?



As most of you are aware we lost one of our friends and fellow member Ed Drozdik on April the 18th. It is always sad to say goodbye to a friend, yet even sadder to realize that maybe you never really knew that person.

What most of us knew about Ed was that he was a cheerful fellow who regularly showed up at meetings and rides together with his lovely wife Kathy. Kathy, of course, most of you know as our longtime web mistress (she took over the job in January of 2005 when Pat and I were the CDs, and ran with it until her health became an issue in 2011). So, who was Ed Drozdik? Ed was born in Drumheller, Alberta in 1940 to Slovak immigrant parents. At the age of eleven he moved to Calgary and continued his education there. In the 60's he moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma to get his degree in Business Administration in Economics where he learned computer programming skills. He then was hired by the federal government in Ottawa to put his new skills to work. It was there in 1968 that he married Kathy. In 1980 they moved back to Vancouver (Kathy's home town) where they raised three sons.

One of Ed's passions was motorcycling. According to Kathy he started on a Honda 350, moved up to a 650 Yamaha, to a 900 Kawasaki and eventually bought his first 'wing; a new 1997 1500 – Ed had arrived! I was with Ed at the Tradex motorcycle show when he fell in love with a new Honda VTX 1800 which was to be his solo riding toy – he kept the 1500 for when Kathy wanted to join him! Finally , in 2007, he treated Kathy and himself to a beautiful new burnt-orange GL1800. They travelled many miles together: in 2002 they rode to Newfoundland and back! They did three Wing Dings (Grapevine, Nashville and Billings) as well as going to Alaska – they loved to ride! Ed was very proud of the custom trailer that he built himself to pull along behind their 'wing. It was a sad day when Ed admitted that he no longer had the strength to handle the GL1800. Ed had developed cancer.

Ivan Armstrong (former BCA CD, 2003-2005)

Strange and Magnificent Motorcycles



Concept Beasts Finally, here's a selection of concept motorcycles,

light of day at some point in the future. Here's the Akira concept bike:



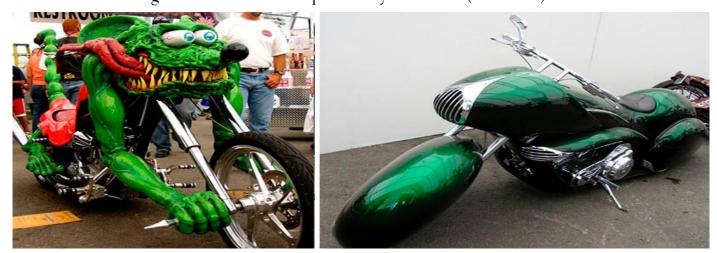


The Wrath concept (below right) by Alexander Barnard is dubbed a 'future modern retro chopper' for the year 2083



Above image, bottom row: the *Suzuki Biplane* and *the Victory Vision 800* concept bike produced by Victory, a division of Polaris ATV's.

William Woods designed the **Fallout** concept motorcycle in 2009 (below left).



Imagine seeing this coming up behind you in your rear view mirror (below left)? On the right is the rounded green beauty, also seen at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally:





GOLD WING ROAD RIDERS ASSOCIATION

GWRRA CHAPTER BC-A VANCOUVER BC BOB DAVIES MEMORIAL RIDE JUNE 2ND, 2012

COME ONE AND ALL,
TO ONE OF OUR LONGEST STANDING RIDE EVENTS OF OUR CHAPTER A GROUP.

Awesome people and awesome FUN!

- POKER RUN RIDE. SOMETHING TO BE WON FROM EACH STOP!
- BARBEQUE AT YOUR FINAL DESTINATION STOP.
- YES THE MILEAGE CHECK IS IN THIS YEAR WITH A NEW TWIST: YOU NOW HAVE 4 CHANCES TO WIN
- CASH PRIZE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DRAW!

STARTING AT: HOLE SHOT MOTORSPORTS:

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\$ 15.00 per person registration, includes your barbeque.

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00AM
COFFEE AND DONUTS AT REGISTRATION.

LAST BIKE OUT BY 9:00AM

FINAL CHECKPOINT AND FOOD 2:00PM ESTIMATED

This year's ride promises to be just as scenic and fun as in years before with Mr. Patrick Frampton taking us on an interesting and exciting ride through the lower mainland and Fraser valley.

No telling where our checkpoints will be.

For more information please contact Rob Ellis. 604 856 7806 E mail to: groundhog@shaw.ca

Tuesday Night Rides Coffee Social (ride in season) Tim Horton's – Annacis Island



The day is warn the sun is high I hear my wing begin to cry to put her tank between my thighs and go....I make some calls I meet some friends I find a road with lots of bends and hope this day will never end and life is good.

Membership draw winner: Robyn MacRae

Monthly Chapter Meeting

Chapter BC-A, Vancouver

The THIRD Sunday of each Month

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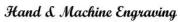


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Celebrations

Birthdays

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Anniversaries

John & Leslie Wait May 2nd Toby & Lorae Sandwell May 9th Peter & Sheila MacGregor May 10th Con & Pat Williams May 24th

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Paul: 250-558-5322

For Sale or Wated

SALE Joe Rocket Ballistic 5.0 Jacket & Pants (M&F)

Both suits hardly worn due to surprise competition win of alternative gear. Male size @230lbs and 5'11" tall. Female 135lbs and 5'3" tall

Great wet weather gear and armored to boot. Paid \$725 new and asking \$350 for the complete

Asking \$350.00

Call Patrick at: 604 943-2527 or 604 830-7814





NOLAN N103 helmet (white in colour, size medium) with J&M Elite series headset

This helmet was used by my passenger for 1 season. There are some scratches on the face shield but otherwise it is in nice condition. The headset is J&M part number HS-ICD629-N143-HO You will need to supply your own lower cord. \$150 for the helmet with headset.

NEW PRICE! Full set of EBC Double H sintered brake pads for a GL1800

\$60 for the full set of brake pads with just 3000km on them. **WANTED:** Still looking for another set of stock foot pegs for a GL1800 \$25

Steve McKenna 604-833-7540

SALE: Aerostitch Darien Pants

New and unused black Darien Gore-Tex pants size 34R. Cost \$440 new, asking \$375.

Rob Beecroft. 604-271-0739

rob@imunoprecise.com

All Ads will be deleted after 3 issues. Contact editor for extention.

9 of 14 January 2012

Gear for sale:



Women's solid black First Gear mesh jacket with removable liner.

Great for spring, summer and fall riding.

SIZE M

New \$125



Woman's IXON riding jacket with liner.

Longer style - great for riding in all kinds of weather.

SIZE DL (Like 'small-medium')

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Women's solid black Dry Tech Joe Rocket Ballistic over pants with multi layer waterproof liner.

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10 of 14 January 2012

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GWRRA BC-A 4" Logo Patches	Blue – Yellow	\$7.00			
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Victoria Days Motorcycle Rally

FRIDAY, MAY 18 - 21, 2012

WHITEWATER SLIDE & RV PARK,
1001 TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY 1, <u>SALMON ARM</u>, BC.
Rally registration and camping at Whitewater Slide & RV Park.

GWRRA VICTORIA DAYS special rates must be requested to book a room at the Best Western Motel next door to RV Park.

Rally registration form available on BC-G web-site http://www.vwh.ca/bc-g

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2012

- 01 New Years Day Ride04 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 15 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 19-22 Tradex Motorcycle Show

February 2012

- 01 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 04 BC-A Silent Auction
- 11 WA Dist. Rider ED Workshop
- 17 Cloverdale Races BC-D
- 18 Karen's Krome Social
- 19 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 21 BC-C Dinner Meeting

March 2012

- 07 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 10 Dim Sum
- 17 St.Patty's Lupper BC-D
- 18 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 20 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 31 Bike Maintenance BC-D

April 2012

- 04 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 06 Me & Ed's Pizza BC-D
- 14 WA-C Spring Fun Run
- 15 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 15 Group Riding Course
- 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 21 ARC (Adv. Rider)
- 28 Mall Show BC-A, BC-D

May 2012

- 02 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 03 MLA Ride
- 05 ARC (Adv. Rider)
- 06 Road Captain/Co-Riders
- 12 Glen Williams Ride & Mileage check
- 13 GVMC-Gord Heppler Ride
- 15 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 20 BC-A Breakfast Meeting 19-21 Victoria Days
 - (Salmon Arm, BC)
- 26 Auto Collection Ride Tacoma BC-A

June 2012

- 02 Bob Davies Fun Run BC-A
- 03 Ride for Life
- 06 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 8-9 WA-D Duck Hunt Ride Aberdeen, WA
- 17 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 17 Father's Day Ride BC-A
- 19 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 23 Triple D Ride BC-A
- 30-02 Kootenay Loop Ride BC-D

July 2012

- 04 BC-D Dinner Meeting 04-07 Wing Ding 34 -
- Fort Wayne IN
- 13 Start of Ride to Alaska
- 15 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 17 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 18-22 CMA Rally Kitchener, Ont
- 20 -22 Region J Rally Alaska

- 28 Cascade Loop Ride BC-A August 2012
- 01 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 11 Whistler Zipline BC-A
- 15-18 Region I Rally Pendleton Org
- 18 ARC (advanced Rider Course)
- 19 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 21 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 25 Duffy Lake Loop Ride

September 2012

- 1-3 BC-D Gold Run Cache Creek
- 05 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 09 Green Heart Ride BC-C
- 16 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
- 18 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 22 Corn Roast & Mileage Check
- 25 Oyster Run Group Ride

October 2012

- 03 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 07 Vancouver Toy Run
- 16 BC-C Dinner Meeting
- 20 Joint Planning Meeting
- 21 BC-A Breakfast Meeting¹¹
- 21 Fraser Valley Toy Run
- 27 BC District Meeting

November 2012

- 03 Guy Fawkes Burn BC-D
- 07 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 11 Remembrance Day Ride BC-A
- 17 Spaghetti Dinner Gastown
- BC-D

18 BC-A Breakfast Meeting
20 BC-C Dinner Meeting
24 BC-A Christmas Dinner
(Pot Luck)

December 2012

- 01 BC-D Christmas Dinner & Party
- 05 BC-D Dinner Meeting
- 08 Leavenworth Trip Wa. BC-D
- 14 BC-C Christmas Dinner Party
- 25 Merry Christmas

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